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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 4, 2009, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (i.e., claims 15-17), drawn to a manufacturing method of a hermetic plastic zipper. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 18-27 in one or more divisional applications.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement because the inventions of Group I and Group II share a technical relationship involving one or more special technical features as set forth by PCT Rule 13.2. The inventions included in both the elected Group I and the non-elected Group II provide a novel hermetic plastic zipper. The hermetic plastic zippers as claimed in Group I and Group II include common special technical features, e.g., a readily peelable plastic layer prolonging to and welded in a lengthwise direction of the plastic zipper, whereby the peeling intensity of the welded portion is maintained within a certain fixed range. These features, inter alia, contribute to distinguish the present invention as recited in Group I and in Group II over the prior art. Because the claims of Group I and Group II satisfy the unity of invention

requirement under PCT Rule 13, Applicant respectfully requests examination of all pending claims.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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